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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: RESPONSE TO PSI LETTER ON UNSCR 1718

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11. Polmiloff discussed reftel letter with MFA Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Senior Advisor Frank van Beuningen on November 6. Van Beuningen appreciated the letter, characterizing it as a "fruitful" effort to combine PSI and UNSCR 1718 efforts. He noted that Dutch implementation of UNSCR 1718 was tied to EU policy, but expected EU Council implementation approval on November 20. He expressed interest in the regional radiation detection architecture, noting Dutch radiation detection facilities in Rotterdam. He also welcomed any further details regarding the letter's call for "new mechanisms to share information on proliferation," and asked if Washington had heard any news on Seoul potentially joining PSI. From the Dutch perspective, van Beuningen related plans building upon the Dutch PSI TopPort exercise from earlier this year, including developing standard operating procedures in response to a PSI threat.

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